

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A pipette device for retaining a pipette at any one of a plurality of positions relative to the device, the device comprising:

a housing including pivot sleeves;

a nozzle assembly for accepting a pipette, the nozzle assembly pivotally coupled to the housing; and

a pivot selector on the housing to adjust the position of the nozzle assembly,

wherein the nozzle assembly includes pivot bosses rotatably retained in the pivot sleeves and an indexing surface engageable with the pivot selector,

and further wherein the indexing surface includes at least two pairs of holes, with each pair spaced from each other pair, and the indexing surface is bisected and each pair of holes further comprises a pair of indents.

14-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) [[The]] A pipette device for retaining a pipette at any one of a plurality of positions relative to the device, the pipette device comprising:

a housing defining a device axis;

a nozzle assembly for accepting a pipette;

a pivot mechanism for pivotally coupling the nozzle assembly to the housing, the pivot mechanism having a first portion for coupling to the nozzle assembly and a second portion for pivotally coupling to the housing, the pivot mechanism defining a pivot axis about which the nozzle assembly rotates relative to the housing; and

a pivot selector on the housing for retaining the nozzle assembly at a selected rotational position.

wherein the second portion of the pivot mechanism comprises a pivot boss for pivotally coupling the pivot mechanism to the housing and an indexing surface engageable with the pivot selector.

of claim 18 and further wherein the indexing surface is bisected and includes at least two pairs of indents with each pair spaced from each other pair.

22. (Currently amended) The pipette device of claim [[19]] 21 wherein the housing comprises a pivot sleeve for rotatably receiving the pivot boss of the pivot mechanism.

23. (Previously presented) The pipette device of claim 22 wherein the pivot boss and the pivot sleeve are generally frustoconical.

24. (Currently amended) The pipette device of claim [[18]] 21 wherein the housing comprises an ergonomic grip.

25. (Currently amended) The pipette device of claim [[19]] 21, and further comprising a plurality of indexing nubs engageable with the indexing surface.

26. (Currently amended) The pipette device of claim [[18]] 21 wherein the pivot selector includes a slidable release having at least one projection for engaging the pivot mechanism, and a spring for biasing the slideable release to an engage position with the pivot mechanism.

27. (Currently amended) The pipette device of claim [[18]] 21 wherein the pivot axis is transverse to the device axis.

28-31. (Canceled)